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Preface -

This field manual is a guide for military police investigators (M PI) and US Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) special agents operating at all levels of tactical and garrison environments. Department of the Army civilian investigators and commanders and staff officers who supervise military investigators will also find it useful. This manual discusses the investigative process. It discusses the offenses investigators are called upon to investigate. It tells investigators how to apply the technical skills and techniques that will result in a successful inquiry. And it suggests approaches likely to bring each investigation to a favorable conclusion. Special terms used in the manual are explained in the Glossary.

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